

SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
Summary of Action
March 14, 2011

The School Budget Review Committee met in regular session to hold hearings on Monday, March 14, 2011, at the Department of Education, ICN Room, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th St., Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146.

1. East Greene Community School District.

Approved modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$27,887 as part of its corrective action plan and received and accepted the district's corrective action plan. The district is directed to submit monthly reports to its board demonstrating the financial position of the district in relationship to its certified budget control lines and to maximum spending authority. These reports shall be available to the SBRC and to the auditor on request.

2. Ogden Community School District.

Approved modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$239,517 as part of its corrective action plan. The district is directed to submit monthly reports to its board demonstrating the financial position of the district in relationship to its certified budget control lines and to maximum spending authority. These reports shall be available to the SBRC and to the auditor on request.

3. Hamburg Community School District.

Approved modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$254,903 as part of the corrective action plan and received and accepted the district's revised corrective action plan. The district is directed to submit monthly reports to its board demonstrating the financial position of the district in relationship to its certified budget control lines and to maximum spending authority. These reports shall be available to the SBRC and to the auditor on request.

4. Northeast Community School District.

Approved modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$78,000 for costs of furnishing and equipping a new facility and tabled the request for modified allowable growth for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$67,000 for initial staffing increases due to a new program.

5. Woden-Crystal Lake Community School District.

Approved modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$219,754 as part of the district's corrective action plan as the district has met the requirements set by the Committee.

6. Van Buren Community School District.

Accepted the district's final action to reimburse the General Fund to the fullest extent possible for improper transfers from the General Fund to the Daycare Fund. The district is directed to cease improper transfers between funds. The Committee recommended to the

State Appeal Board that it deny the district's request to approve the permanent transfers of funds from the General Fund to the Enterprise Fund for Daycare because this matter is now closed.

7. Dunkerton Community School District.

Approved modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$1,306 and granted permission to transfer \$1,306.18 of general fund money to the latchkey program enterprise fund to cover its remaining deficit balance after closing the fund for which no other resources are available to the district.

8. Federal Iowa Demonstration Grant Award Recommendations.

Granted approval for the Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant Program awards for all districts as recommended to the SBRC by the task force, pending receipt of evidence from the districts that any local match requirements and other requirements have been met. For any carry-over of previous grants, the Department will allocate grant funds to previous projects that were not fully funded. In the event that any award is declined or other unexpended funds become available before June 15, 2011, the SBRC directed the Department to fund partially-funded awarded grants, then to the next highest ranked district or districts to the extent that the funding is made available.

9. Special Education Administrative Costs.

Granted approval for the use of special education funds for administrative costs of special education programs for the districts approved by the Department of Education.

10. Returning Dropout/Dropout Prevention Programs.

Approved modified allowable growth for the 2011-2012 school year for the districts that have Department-approved applications for Returning Dropout and Dropout Prevention programs.

11. On Time Funding for Increased Enrollment Applications.

Approved on-time funding modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year for increased enrollment for all eligible districts making requests.

12. Open Enrollment Out Applications.

Approved modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year for tuition costs incurred for open enrollment out students not included on the previous year's certified enrollment report for eligible districts making requests.

13. Limited English Proficiency Applications.

Approved modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year for excess costs of providing instructional services to LEP students for eligible districts making requests.

14. Prior Year Application for Open Enrollment Out Not on Previous Headcount.

Approved modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year in the total amount of \$106,660 for Belmond-Klemme for tuition costs incurred for open enrollment students not included on the previous year's certified enrollment report.

15. Adjustment to Negative Unspent Balance MAG Previously Granted.

Adjusted modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year previously granted as part of the corrective action plans to the amount that would have been approved had the final negative unspent balances been known at that time.

16. Clay Central-Everyly Community School District.

Tabled the request for modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year as part of the corrective action plan until the fiscal review and accreditation follow-up by the Department and the investigation by the Office of the Auditor of State are completed. Received and accepted the district's progress report on its corrective action plan.

17. West Bend-Mallard Community School District.

Denied modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$32,973 for costs of increased enrollment within the current year and major repair on buses.

18. Winterset Community School District.

Approved modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$208,337 for startup costs of a new program.

19. Committee Informational Items.

Received a progress report from the Department on the fiscal desk review of the Clay Central-Everyly and Exira Community School Districts. The administrative rule amendments were effective on February 16, 2011, and in May, the Committee will need to determine next fiscal year's schedule of hearings. Received a briefing on the changes to the SBRC application form to allow it to be collected from EASIER data with certification by the district.